

## **UPDATE TO SELECT BOARD REPORT**

At its meeting on April 24, 2024, the Select Board voted to reconsider its votes on Articles 8 and 9 that are now before this Annual Town Meeting. Originally, the board voted “will report” on Article 8 and “no action” on Article 9, as it expected the Town Meeting Procedures Committee to meet and discuss these matters. After consideration of the subsequent report from the Town Meeting Procedures Committee, the Select Board reconsidered its vote on Article 8 and changed it from “will report” to “no action”. Regarding Article 9, the Select Board voted to change its recommended vote from “no action” to “favorable action”.

This change is made based on guidance from the Town Meeting Procedures Committee, who preferred Article 9 as the more appropriate vehicle to allow for Town Meeting to discuss the meeting’s start time. The updated recommended vote of “favorable action” on Article 9 is intended to provide Town Meeting with the opportunity to discuss a preferred start time for Town Meeting and does not necessarily reflect the Select Board’s view on whether Town Meeting should start at 7:30 pm or 8:00 pm.

### **ARTICLE 8            BYLAW AMENDMENT / REVISED TOWN MEETING START TIME**

**Upon reconsideration of an original vote of “will report”, Mr. Helmuth moved that no action be taken on Article 8.**

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### **ARTICLE 9    BYLAW AMENDMENT / START TIME FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Upon reconsideration of an original vote of no action, Mr. Helmuth moved that favorable action be taken on Article 9.**

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**VOTED:        That the Town does and hereby amends Title I, Article 1, Section 1 (“Date of Annual Meeting and Adjournment”) of the Town’s Bylaws so as to change the start time of the Annual Town Meeting from 8:00 pm to 7:30 pm so that the bylaw reads in its entirety as follows:**

**TITLE I  
ARTICLE 1  
TOWN MEETINGS**

**Section 1.      Date of Annual Meeting and Adjournment**

**(ART. 93, ATM – 05/23/88)(ART. 12, ATM – 05/09/04)**

The Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of conducting the regular Town Election of Town officers including Town meetings members, and for the submission of questions to the voters of the Town, if required to be submitted thereat, shall be held annually on the first Saturday of April unless the Select Board vote not later than February 1 to establish another date in order to better suit the public convenience for reasons it shall determine including, but not limited to, conflicts with the observance of religious holidays. Said election shall be considered part of the Annual Town Meeting held in that year. All articles in the warrant for any regular Town meeting to be acted upon and determined otherwise than by ballot shall be considered at a Town meeting to be held annually on the fourth Monday in April, at ~~eight o'clock~~ seven-thirty in the evening.